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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW FOR UPCOMING IBRD AND ADB
LOANS
FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER

1. TWO PENDING LOANS FOR KOREA, AN IBRD LOAN FOR KOREAN
MEDIUM INDUSTRY BANK (SEOUL 10469) AND AN ADB TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT,
WERE REVIEWED AT HIGH LEVELS TODAY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
CONSIDERATION. A DECISION WAS REACHED TO ABSTAIN ON
BOTH. TREASURY, HOWEVER, HAS ASKED THAT THE DECISION
ON THE IBRD LOAN BE REVIEWED AGAIN TO SEE IF A STRONGER
CASE CAN BE MADE THAT THE LOAN DOES, IN FACT, MEET BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS. TO GIVE US TIME TO DO SO, TREASURY WILL
ARRANGE FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE IBRD'S CONSIDERATION
OF THE LOAN FOR ONE WEEK ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. THE
DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON THE ADB LOAN (MANILA 19637),
WHICH COMES UP FOR VOTE ON DECEMBER 22, IS FINAL AND
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